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Comment on Socioeconomics

On page 534 of the WOPR draft Volume II you claim that "*Alternative 2 would have the most favorable impact on local economies*" and then on page 549 of the same volume you acknowledge under the heading of "Community Well-Being" that you don't really know what the economic impacts are going to be ("*...job creation in one sector does not offset all of the social costs of job losses in another sector...*").

You have no idea what the economic implications of Alternative 2 will have in the immediate future much less what catastrophe it might incite in the future. It is ridiculous to claim Alternative 2 to be the "most favorable" unless you are really intent upon making your socioeconomic analysis come across as if it was written by a pack of unprofessional buffoons.

This disregard for a comprehensive analysis is highly inflammatory to me and your statement that "... *a more detailed analysis of these social effects is beyond the scope of this analysis*" (p549 Vol II) elevates this to an outrage because I am one of the thousands of people in the O&C corridor that you are brushing aside with that statement.

You are advocating a plan that could put me out of business, lower my property value, crush my community's quality of life, and destroy the economic future of every community in the O&C corridor. What the Hell do you mean this is beyond the scope of your analysis?

Before you move another step with this catastrophe, you need to research and answer the questions in the following letter. If you can't answer these, do not move forward with this so called plan of yours.

No one can make me believe that our BLM field staff is incapable of professionally conducting comprehensive analysis's that could provide BLM administrators with the data necessary for managing the forest for truly viable economic options that benefit all of the people who live in the O&C corridor. The only thing holding our BLM field staff back is something that stinks like Washington DC and, for that reason, this letter is being specifically written for those sell-out administrators who are trying to make Oregon into the next corporate trophy. If you move forward with the WOPR without a full socioeconomic analysis, it will be unquestionable in my mind that it is your deliberate and conscientious intention to destroy me, my community, and my Oregon.

I expect answers to these questions no later than 15 November so I can review your research and compile an appropriate response before the final deadline for comments on 10 December.



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